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FOR CHARGE FROM SAMUELS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EMIN, SL

SUBJECT: MINING INTEREST IN SIERRA LEONE

1. HAVE JUST SPOKEN TO FRANK TYE WHO HOLDS SEPL FOR CHROMITE IN KENEMA-PUJEHUN AREA. HIS GEOLOGISTS WILL ARRIVE SECOND WEEK JANUARY TO BEGIN EXPLORATIONS.

2. ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AGO, TYE ALSO MADE APPLICATION FOR SEPL, ESPECIALLY FOR TIN AND ZINC, IN NIMINI HILLS AREA, A QUOTE GREEN SCHIST BELT AREA UNQUOTE. AS NO RESPONSE RECEIVED BY TYE TO SEPL APPLICATION, I MENTIONED MATTER TO KOWUSU-KONTEH. HE ASSURED ME EXPEDITIOUS ACTION. NO RESPONSE RECEIVED BY TYE YET. THIS UNFORTUNATE, AS TYE PREPARED TO DO NIMINI GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHROMITE ONE, BUT WISHES CONFIRMATION ASAP SO SPECIFIC PLANS CAN BE MADE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR SL.

3. REQUEST YOU CONTACT APPROPRIATE GOSL OFFICIALS AND REPORT STATUS TYE APPLICATION BY COB FREETOWN DECEMBER 14. FYI. MRS. DEIGH MAY BE FACTOR IN HOLDING UP TYE APPLICATION - FOR REASONS UNKNOWN TO ME. END FYI

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